

AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME!

On Monday Morning Promptly at 8 o'Clock Will Begin

DABNEY & JOHNSTON'S

Record Smashing Shoe Sale

Having the interest of our customers at heart, and at all times on the alert for an opportunity to please them, we have succeeded in making a deal whereby we can honestly say that in our **"RECORD SMASHING"** Shoe Sale, **BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING, AT 8 O'CLOCK**, we are in a position to give our friends and the public the opportunity of a lifetime in the purchase of Shoes.

Realizing that it would be a great disadvantage for the Stephen Putney Shoe Company to carry all of their tremendous stock of Shoes from their warehouse in Manchester to their new building in the city of Richmond, we made them an offer on their entire lot of Samples and Short Lots. Our offer was accepted, as will be seen from a reproduction of their letter, herein given.

As a result of this deal we came into possession of about **TEN THOUSAND PAIRS OF MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S FINE SHOES**. It is by this means that we are enabled to offer in our **"RECORD SMASHING"** SALE the greatest bargains in Shoes that Richmond or any other city has ever seen.

Below we list a few of our prices, but only a few, as it would take too much space to list them all. As stated above, this is an opportunity of a lifetime to buy shoes. An opportunity of this kind may not arise again in twenty years, and although you may not be in need of Shoes just at this time, it will be money in your pocket to buy now, when you can get such great bargains, as you can set them aside until you do need them.

NO GOODS ON APPROVAL—EVERYTHING SPOT CASH. Our margin of profit on the Shoes offered in our **"RECORD SMASHING"** SALE is so close that we cannot afford to sell them otherwise. Come early and pick your choice.

Remember The Sale Starts MONDAY MORNING the 20th of August, AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Infants' and Children's Slippers and Shoes from

29c up to \$1.49

Misses' and Children's Slippers and Shoes from

49c up to \$1.98

Ladies' Oxfords, Pumps, Gibson Ties, Sailor Ties and Light-Weight High Shoes, in "Gun Metal," "Vici Kid" and Tan Calf, from

98c to \$3.49

Youths' and Boys' Shoes, in nearly all leathers; prices from

98c to \$2.49

Men's Shoes, in about 100 different styles, including all of the newest shapes and leathers; sizes mostly 6-12, 7, 7-12 and 8 (samples); prices from

98c to \$3.48

Ladies', Misses' and Children's White Canvas Oxfords at

39c, 59c, 69c and up

301 East Broad St. Richmond, Virginia **DABNEY & JOHNSTON**, **301 East Broad St. Richmond, Virginia**

Stephen Putney Shoe Company
Battle Axe Shoes

Manchester, Va., U. S. A.,
August 6, 1906.

Messrs. Dabney & Johnston,
Richmond, Va.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your offer for our ENTIRE LOT of Samples and Short Lots of Battle Axe Shoes, beg to say that it is only because of the fact that you take the ENTIRE LOT that we accept your proposition, and for the reason that we desire to close out these Samples and Short Lots before moving to our new building.

We are needing every inch, and more, too, of our present space for our regular stock, hence the room taken up by these Samples and Short Lots is worth more to us than the loss we sustain in selling them at the very low price at which we have closed them out to you. You should have great success in your extensive sale, and with best wishes, we beg to remain

Yours very truly,

STEPHEN PUTNEY SHOE COMPANY.

STRONG MAN OF THE REVOLUTION

Peter Francisco Was Given a Sword Six Feet Long by General Washington.—His Origin Is Unknown.

(Written for The Times Dispatch.)
(By Samuel H. Miller.)

Peter Francisco, the strong man, was one of the most noted characters in Virginia during the latter years of the Revolutionary War, and the succeeding decades. He was noted for his wonderful strength and activity. He was six feet and one inch high, and weighed 250 pounds, but he was all muscle and bone, with no surplus flesh. The stories told of his great strength would be incredible if they were not attested by trustworthy witnesses. He could lift two men at arm's length, one in each hand, weighing 150 pounds. He once shouldered a cannon weighing 1,100 pounds.

Origin a Mystery.

The origin of this remarkable man is shrouded in mystery. In the year 1784, he was put ashore from a ship, at City Point, nine miles below Petersburg, on James River, where he was found on the wharf. Whence he came, nobody knew. It was conjectured that he was kidnapped in Portugal, or perhaps in Italy, and spirited away by some one for the purpose of securing his inheritance. No one was sufficiently interested to investigate the affair, and, therefore, the mystery remained unsolved. The boy, then about three years old, was handsomely dressed, though his clothes were much soiled by a long sea voyage. He was sent to the almshouse of Prince George county, where he remained until Judge Antony Winston took charge of him. He grew rapidly and soon gained a neighborhood reputation for strength and activity. At the age of sixteen, with the consent of Judge Winston, he joined the Continental Army, and took part in many of the battles around New York and Philadelphia, such as Germantown, Brandywine, Monmouth and Stony Point. During the war, he received three severe wounds, and once he was left on the field for dead, but he was cured for by a kind citizen of the neighborhood. He won the favorable notice of General Washington, who presented him with a sword made expressly for him. It was six feet long and very heavy, but Francisco could wield it with ease and with deadly effect. He was also highly esteemed by General Lafayette, and, in fact, by all the officers under whom he served, on account of his courage, his ability, and his temperance and general

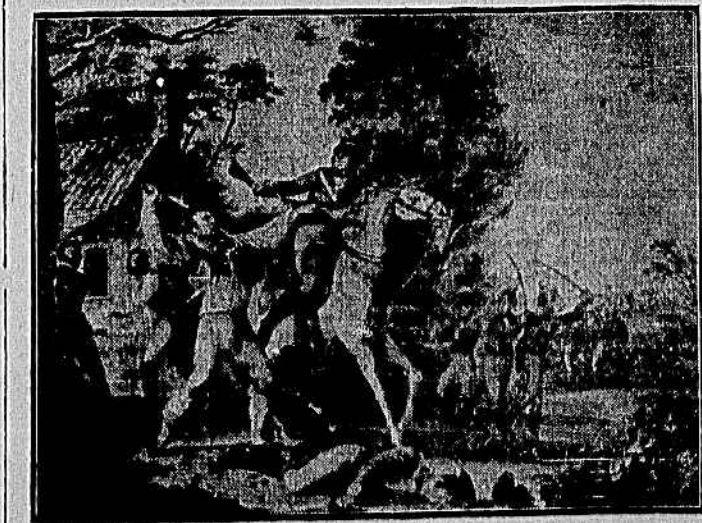
Saved Life of Mayo.

On one occasion Francisco had the good fortune to save the life of Colonel Mayo when hard pressed by his assailants. In gratitude for the service, Colonel Mayo presented him with a thousand acres of land on Richland River in Kentucky. That Francisco possessed address as well as courage, is proved by the following: It was in the same battle in which he saved the life of Colonel Mayo that a British officer on horseback charged him and ordered him to give up his gun. Francisco thrust him through with his bayonet and mounted his horse and rode through the British line, exclaiming, "Huzzah, boys, we have beaten the rebels." They took him for a Tory, and thus he made his escape with his horse. Soon after he came up with Colonel Mayo, who was much exhausted, and gave him his horse. He then returned to Virginia on foot, but learning that Cornwallis was marching towards Virginia, he joined the regiment of Colonel Watkins, of Prince Edward county, and was present at the battle of Guilford, in North Carolina. Towards the close of this battle, Colonel Washington ordered a charge on the British reserves by his dragoons. In this charge, Francisco killed two British soldiers, and gained the praise of his colonel, but he received a severe bayonet wound, which nearly proved fatal. After recovering from his wound he returned to Virginia. On his way he fell in with a party of Tarleton's men at a tavern in Amelia county. It was a plundering party of nine troopers. One of them demanded his knee buckles. Francisco put out his legs and told the trooper to take them off. The man advanced and began to take them off, when Francisco seized his sword and struck him dead. He killed two others of the party, including one who was on horseback and who had snatched his gun at him. Tarleton's troop of four hundred men now came in sight and Francisco thought it time to get away. He frightened the remaining six by crying out, "Come on, boys," and making them believe that the Americans were coming. He then mounted one of the horses and drove the others before him. Tarleton soon came up and sent a party to capture him, offering a reward for his head. Francisco evaded his pursuers by turning down an obscure road, and got away with his booty. He sold the horses at Prince Edward Courthouse, except one, which he kept for many years and named Tarleton.

Very Good-Natured.

When the war was over, Francisco settled down to peaceful pursuits. There was nothing of the bully about him. On the contrary, he was so good-natured that it was not easy to provoke him to

errand." The man finding him hard to provoke, dismounted and requested to feel his weight. He lifted Francisco twice and remarked that he was quite heavy. Then Francisco requested to lift him. He picked him up and easily threw him over the fence. The man was somewhat hurt by the fall, but picked himself up and said, "Now, if you will throw my horse over, I will thank you." Francisco immediately complied with his request, throwing the horse over the fence without any difficulty. The man mounted his horse and rode away perfectly satisfied with his experience. This tale was told to Henry Clay when he visited Francisco in 1830 and greatly amused him. The man's name was Pamphlet. Mr. Clay laughingly remarked



Peter Francisco's gallant action with nine of Tarleton's cavalry in sight of a troop of four hundred men. The sword he wielded was six feet long, and presented to him by General Washington.

a quarrel. The following story will illustrate this trait of his character. In the year 1806 Francisco was keeping a tavern in Amelia county. A man rode up to the gate, and Francisco went out to welcome the guest. The man inquired whether he was Peter Francisco. On hearing he was, he said that he had come all the way from Kentucky to whip him. Peter called to a boy and sent him to bring a bunch of willows. When they were brought, he handed them to the man, saying, "Now, lash me over the shoulders, and you can go home and tell that you have done your

that he was glad one of the mischievous Pamphlet family had come to grief. This was a playful allusion to the political pamphlets written against him. Many anecdotes are related of him, illustrating his good nature and his kindness to his poorer neighbors, which I have not space to recount. Francisco was thrice married. His second wife only left children. They were two sons and two daughters. All of them married into good families and their numerous descendants justly

counted among the best citizens of the Old Dominion.

Peter Francisco died in 1832, and was buried on Shockoe Hill, in Richmond, not very far from the spot on which he first landed in the State. One of the districts of Buckingham county is named after him, and his portrait was hung in the courthouse. I regret to add that the portrait together with the courthouse was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

A NEW DEPOT.

Lumberton Shows Immense Increase in Freight Traffic.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LUMBERTON, N. C., August 18.—The hearing before the Corporation Commission of the demand made by the citizens of this town recently, with regard to a new passenger depot, developed the interesting fact that Lumberton during the last year showed the largest freight receipts by more than \$50,000 than any other point on the Seaboard Air Line between Charlotte and Wilmington. The station was ordered to be built, and it is understood that work on it will soon be begun.

The work on the building of the National Cotton Mills is progressing rapidly, and they expect to begin work November 15th. This mill will operate 6,000 spindles, and will manufacture hosiery yarns. Mr. W. G. Allen, who has had charge of the construction of county roads in this county for more than a year, left yesterday for Raleigh, N. C., where he will pursue some other business. He is succeeded by Mr. C. L. Jones, of Ashpole.

The Dresden Cotton Mill is nearing completion, and hopes to begin operation at an early date. This mill will manufacture hosiery yarns, and will operate 10,000 spindles.

English Spectator (with monologue): "Aw-aw, you sorry joshuns here!" Boston Transcript.

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Largest Stock.

Hammond, Florist,

109 East Broad Street.

DIPLOMATS DO NOT WANT GOVERNMENT-OWNED HOMES

Fear that Americans Abroad Would Utilize Them as Hotels —Representative Longworth Learning Views of Europe.

LONDON, August 18.—American ambassadors and ministers in Europe are not enthusiastic over Representative Nicholas Longworth's bill to appropriate \$5,000,000 to provide permanent homes for them, according to a retired American diplomat here. They do not want such a thing, and are impressing this fact upon Mr. Longworth.

"Mr. Longworth, it is well known, has diplomatic aspirations himself," said the former diplomat, "and by the time he has made the tour of the European capitals and had a heart-to-heart talk with each ambassador he will know something about their trials and tribulations and how they would be increased if the Ambassador had to live in a house belonging to his government."

"What belongs to the government belongs to the people is the notion that possesses a few thousands among the eighty millions of Americans. And if they thought the Ambassador's house belonged to them, they would be sending their trunks on in advance with letters to say what kind of a room they would prefer."

"When Mr. McCormick went to St. Petersburg he took a big house, and large to them, they would be sending their trunks on in advance with letters to say what kind of a room they would prefer. The house was big enough; there was plenty of room; it was the business of the American Ambassador to look after the poor; the American government took care of its poor in every country."

"A few years ago an insane custom prevailed among some of the Governors of States to furnish all respectable travelers with an open letter of introduction to all foreign representatives. The thing was abused, of course, and had to be discontinued."

LYNCHBURG,
\$2 Round Trip
ROANOKE,
\$3 Round Trip

—VIA—
Norfolk & Western Ry.
August 24th.

Round trip tickets at above low rates will be sold for special train leaving Richmond 12:10 noon, Friday, August 24th, and leaving Roanoke, returning, at 12:30 noon, Monday, August 27, 1906. Train stops at Bedford, Montvale and Blue Ridge. District Passenger Agent.

WEEK-END EXCURSIONS TO NATURAL BRIDGE, INCLUDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, VIA CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY.
Tickets sold on Fridays and Saturdays, good until Monday and Tuesday following, including stage from station to Bridge, admission to the Bridge, and hotel accommodations.
Saturday tickets, with hotel accommodations until dinner Sunday, \$5.00; until breakfast Monday, \$5.50.
Friday tickets, with hotel accommodations until dinner Sunday, \$10.00; until breakfast Monday, \$11.00; until breakfast Tuesday, \$12.50.
Spend Sunday at this Natural Wonder of Virginia and charming mountain resort.

THE WAY TO REACH ATLANTIC CITY—VIA THE POPULAR YORK RIVER ROUTE.
Leave Richmond every week day, 4:30 P. M. Low rate excursion tickets on sale daily. Office, 32 East Main Street, Phone No. 455.